

# Alpine Fly Fishers

Our Next AFF Meeting

Tuesday

March 28

Puerto Vallarta

215 15th St. SE

Puyallup at 6 PM

  
**FLY FISHERS**  
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### President's Line

By Larry Gibbs

There will be two great fly fishing related shows going on the next couple of months. First will be the Oregon Council's Fly Tyer Expo in Albany. March 10 & 11. If you have never been to this event you owe it to yourself to go there and have fun. Fly tyers from all over the Great Northwest and California. Casting demonstrations and classes to help you cast better. Raffles and silent auctions as well as a live auction and enhanced silent auction on Friday night, with Will Godfrey as the auctioneer.

Then on April 29 the Washington State Council has the one day event, Fly Casting Fair. There are many fly casting classes to help you improve your casting and demonstrations and a free casting clinic. We will have some premier fly tyers demonstrating their skills and they will be more than ready to give you some great tips on tying.

So, if you have been cooped up all winter and want to get out, talk to old friends and make new ones, these two events will really fit the ticket.

I was talking to Steve Worley of the Worley Bugger Fly Co. over in Ellensburg the other day. Sounds like they had a very cold and long winter, which is now finally over. There will be plenty of water coming down off the mountains this year to keep the rivers flowing nicely, a great chance to catch some fish.

Come to our April 29 Fly Casting Expo and renew your FFI membership and you will be entered into a drawing for an Orvis Encounter fly rod outfit!!!

We had an interesting meeting on February 28. Our guest speakers were Chris Conklin and Steve Caromile of the WA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife. Chris is the Coastal Regional Director and Steve is the Inland Fish Program manager. They each gave a short talk then we had a lengthy Q&A with many questions answered.

Coming up at the March 28 meeting, our very own Brian Miller will be talking and showing us about Tenkara fishing, equipment and techniques.

Don't forget the two great events taking place for the next two months. The Fly Tyer Expo in Albany, Oregon on March 10 & 11. The WSC Fly Casting Fair on April 29. These are two great events to attend.

*"Time is but the stream I go a-fishing in. I drink at it; but while I drink, I see the sandy bottom and detect how shallow it is. Its thin current slides away, but eternity remains."* Henry David Thoreau

Good Fishing & Stay Safe



Larry

Fly Fishers International and Mountlake Terrace Recreation

# Fly Casting Fair



**CASTING CLASSES  
FLY TYING DEMOS AND TYING CLASSES  
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WALK-IN CASTING CLINIC  
CASTING SKILLS DEVELOPMENT**

**Saturday April 29, 2023 9 am to 4 pm  
Ballinger Park, Mountlake Terrace WA**



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## Fly Fishing International

### Fly of the Month

March 2009

## BIN-GHO-SHA

By Bob Bates



There were many interesting tiers at the 2009 NW Fly Tyer Expo in Albany, OR. One of them was Chuck Cooney from Hillsboro, OR who tied this pattern. It is his favorite go to fly for stillwaters. Like many of us he learns new patterns from other tiers. He has tied this one for only two years after learning about it from longtime, Oregon-tier Marc Williamson. Chuck has started his third year pestering trout with it. He says that no matter where he fishes at some time during the day he will put it on. With it he has caught many good trout.

Also, it seems to work best in lakes with dark bottoms. Bass and blue gill also hit it. What else can you ask for but an easy to tie pattern that catches fish where ever you go? Apparently Chuck is not alone in his preference for this pattern because many of his friends tie and fish it. The name came about when Marc Williamson stayed at Bin-Gho-Sha, a small lodge in British Columbia, Canada. It consists of only four rustic cabins on Fletcher Lake; a place to get away from the internet. How he fishes it depends on the situation. If spring time damsel nymphs are hatching he will use a floating line to keep the fly near the surface. A slow short strip retrieve usually works. (Not as slow as a hand twist retrieve.) Later in the summer a intermediate sinking line comes into play. Usually a fast 6-inch strip does the job. However, if one type of retrieve doesn't interest the fish try something else. Just remember, dynamite is frowned upon.

### Materials list:

Hook: Dai-Riki 700, 4XL, # 8 some tie down to #12

Bead: Glass bead, small, green with gold lining

Thread: 6/0 Olive green

Tail: Brown marabou

Body: Polar Chenille, olive and brown olive

Wings: Brown marabou

Collar: Quick Descent, olive dubbing

Note: Polar Chenille and Quick Descent dubbing were from Hareline Dubbin, Inc.

### Tying Steps:

1. (The first step is not shown because I distracted Chuck with my camera flash.) Wrap a thread base behind the eye to take up any space between the bead and the hook. Secure the thread with a couple of half hitches or a whip finish and cut it off. Slide the bead forward over the thread base. Reattach the thread and wind rearward to the hook point.
2. Chuck likes marabou that has fuzziness about 2/3rds to 3/4qtrs the length of the fiber. Pull off a couple of pinches of marabou, and tie on a shank length tail.
3. Wrap down the excess marabou as an underbody, and return the thread to the back of the hook.
4. Tie on Polar chenille at bend, and wind the thread forward to about a bead width behind the bead.
5. Wrap the Polar chenille forward to the thread. As the Polar chenille is wound hold the fibers back to prevent winding them under. Tie off and trim excess.
6. Pull a bunch of marabou off the feather, and tie on top so the fibers are a bit longer than the hook. In other words, the marabou fibers extend about to the end of the Polar chenille fibers. The tie in point is about a bead width behind the bead. Use just enough marabou to give plenty of action without binding. Not too thick.
7. Tie the under wing in the same way on the bottom. Some tiers wrap the marabou, but this method provides better length control. Chuck also feels that it gives a rudder effect. Note: There is still room behind the bead for the next step.
8. Put on quick decent dubbing about same size as bead. Whip finish behind the bead. To trim the thread, pull it and touch it with the edge of the scissors. Usually the thread disappears into the space between the bead and the dubbing.

This is a fly that is responsible for fooling a lot of fish. I'll have to tie a few for my lakes. Chuck varies the colors during the year. He uses a burnt orange tail in the spring and an olive tail with a black wing in the fall. He also uses burgundy marabou and polar chenille at different times during the year.

# Back of Beyond

Stephen Neal

*In Wildness is the Preservation of the World - "Henry David Thoreau"*

## 460 Trinidad

Our family's beach cabin would never have been in Architectural Digest, just saying, I think they are missing out. It sat upon concrete piers on California's coastal shelf. Our front yard encompassed Morro Rock, Estro Bay and the Pacific Ocean. The view stretched to where the sun quenched itself in the Pacific. Our backyard climbed to the crests of California's Coastal Range Mountains. The Mountains sun-dried grass flanks glowed golden, giving credence to California's coastal nickname, the Golden Coast. Our days and nights were filled with the melodic sound of surf and salt air. Its melody lulled one to sleep and greeted you upon awakening and its spray scented the air. I have heard it called the Middle Kingdom.

The cabin was a two-story rectangular dark-brown box with a cheerful yellow trim. An engraved wood shingle attached on the street side read, Keller, my Grandparents surname, with Mattapoisett (place of rest), engraved in a second shingle affixed below. The engraved names were painted yellow, matching the cabins trim. The shiplap siding took its deep brown color from numerous coats of boiled linseed oil. Its outside appearance had two eye catching characteristics; the first, was the six by ten-foot window, made up of twelve-inch windowpanes. The second, was a second story door to nowhere, the first step out that door was a doozy, a dreamed future addition never realized. A vibrant skirt of geraniums circled the cabin base, their red and pink flower and rich green leaves were the perfect accent for the dark brown building. The scent of geranium puts me right back there.

Indoors is where the family cabin, literally shined. The knotty pine, tongue, and groove walls, sealed with lacquer, glowed when the sun's rays entered through that big and beautiful light giving window. Sun light bouncing off those knotty pine walls, filled the whole living area with bright peaceful warmth. There are many beautiful woods with color and depth that I admire, but knotty pine holds my top spot. No man is perfect, we all have knots, knots and clear wood reflect human nature and therein lies its beauty.

The cabin and I share the same birth year, my gypsy grandparents, loved to travel and camp with the whole family. During the depression you knew it was the Keller's when they pulled up in an old car with a passel of spare tires on top of the car and a passel of kids inside. After WWII with their children all married and bearing offspring, they decided to buy property on the coast and build a vacation cabin to spend outdoors time with their children and grandchildren. They purchased two lots above Atascadero Beach, (now called Morro Strand), between Morro Bay and Cayucos, California. In 1950 those two, forty by sixty foot lots sold for the heady sum of \$180 dollars. Over the next several months on vacation trips and weekends, six families would make the twoand-half-hour drive from Fresno to Morro Bay, to build their Mattapoisett. State Route 41 was a winding narrow two-lane road through the San Joaquin Valley, up and through the coastal range mountains, in the summer cars hung canvas water bags on their grills, as car overheating was a common, you drove with car windows down in 100+ degree heat with no air conditioning, the kids in the backseats with no seatbelts or car seats, adventure travel at its finest. Dropping into the coastal air was refreshing, exciting, and liberating after that hot thirst inducing drive.



My grandparents, Paul, and Lola Keller and their five newly married sons and daughters pooled their resources, to make a dream, reality. With luck, circumstance, and good fortune, I was there when the piers were poured. Our family vacation home was a simple stick frame construction laid out on concrete piers, the doors, kitchen sink, plumbing fixtures, and windows were all salvage, even the grandkid bunkbeds were WWII surplus. The wood frame was solid construction, my father and uncles and great uncle applied their expertise in making it right, tight, level, and plumb. My great uncle Merle built the kitchen cabinets sized to my grandmother's smaller stature. Woe to the rest of us, when we washed dishes, the low counters and lack of recessed kick plate strained our backs when we washed dishes. Grandma was tickled at the thoughtfulness of her brother and with a kitchen counter that actually fit her.

Our downstairs was a combo living room and kitchen, with a storage closet under the staircase. It was our what not area, as in what's not in here, it held a scythe and other assorted weed cutters, shovels, rakes, clam forks, construction and repair tools, fishing rods, reels, tackle boxes, and nets, beach mats, sand buckets, mouse traps, screws, nails, paint, and sand shovels and buckets. The bark rim pine wood limb sign that hung over this storage closet opening read "Keep your temper, nobody else wants it." My guess is that someone lost theirs while trying to find something in that closet. As a child I viewed its contents, as a treasure trove filled with possibilities. As an adult I backed away from a mouse that emerged while try to clean said closet, its allure had faded.

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Our first restroom was a one-seater out-house, complete with a requisite half-moon on the door. The pathway to the out-house was over black gumbo, summertime found it cracked, hard and dense, (it made great clods for throwing.) Rainy season turned it to sticky glue, it would add two or more inches to your stature, getting it off your shoes was a wearisome chore, sticks, screwdrivers, and any at hand items was used to rid oneself of its step fouling nuisance. A nighttime visit required a trip down the stairs, out the front door and ten or twelve strides to the privy. We soon learned that steppingstones were a must. One did not dawdle on those dark thirty visits. We all were cheered when we built an addition that held a bathroom/laundry. I was four or five when it was added; I remember its addition as I scared the bejesus out of the family when they came out after lunch to find me on top of the two-story laying on my stomach admiring the view. To this day I maintain that I did not need to be rescued.

Upstairs held three twelve by twelve bedrooms, with double beds, the doorways had curtains for privacy. The rest of the upstairs was a communal bedroom with a double bed and four bunks and room for a fold out bed and cots. There was an additional bunkbed suspended over the staircase. The paneling upstairs did not compete with the beauty down below, unfinished 3/8" plywood filled the need of covering the walls. The cabin had no insulation in the walls, on cold mornings and evenings we plugged in over the years a parade of antique electric heaters, at their demise, a new used one replaced it. Like the second story door to nowhere a fireplace hearth was laid, this dream did come true, but not until the mid-1970's.



Whole family gatherings for me were a delightful abundance of cousin chaos. Days were filled with beach walks, sandcastles, clamming, shell gathering, sand drawings, seaweed whips, tide pool explorations and oodles and oodles of beach combing and wave jumping. Trips were made to Morro Bay and Cayucos for food supplies and walks on the pier, ship docks, and on the jetty. There was always a jig saw puzzle in progress, in the evenings the adult played cards after shooing us young ones off to bed. As I grew, sisters and cousins were added to the mix. All totaled there were fifteen grandchildren. We were a lively bunch, our self-entertainment included recreation on a home-built slide and swing set, black clod throwing, cardboard sledding on the foothill's sun died grass slopes, creek explorations, (beside catching polliwogs and frogs on the creek we used the live oak forest as forts and hiding places, much like the Chumash Indians used them for shelter during their time on the central coast.

As we grew fishing and surfing became leisure time staples. Highway One separated us from the beach, to avoid crossing the Highway we used a creek culvert, in a stooped posture we made our way to sand and surf. The original stop signs on Highway One, were replaced with stop lights, but until we grew too tall the culvert was our preferred choice of beach access. In the 50's we had few neighbors, it was mostly empty lots, to our delight the coastal grass lands produced an amazing array of wild sweet peas. Those sweet peas were kid magnets, and we would return home at dinner time bearing huge floral bouquets as gifts to our parents. Their sweet scent filled the cabin. A cherished memory among many, was my first fishing trip with my dad and his father. We found a spot on the Cayucos pier and dad rigged me up with a red snapper jig. The jig was six hooks wrapped with red and yellow yarn. While they tied on their jigs I began to fish, lady luck was smiling on me, every time I lowered and raised my rod, I hooked two or three snappers. My Dad and Grandfather never put their rigs in the water. We had one hell of a fish fry that evening, my catch fed fourteen adults and at least ten grandkids. That was pretty heady stuff for a seven-year-old.

My close family vacations were treasured events. During our summer vacation Mom's father, Paul and her mother's brother, uncle Merle, would join my mom, my sisters, and I for a two week stay. On these trips we explored further afield, there were trips to Cambria, moon stone beach, and Hearst Castle, Los Osos/Baywood and Montana de Oro, San Luis Obispo, Avila Beach, Pismo Beach, Arroyo Grande, and Solvang. Several of California's Spanish Missions were also included in those journeys of discovery. Dad was working and would join us on weekends, on those trips my forays into adult world expanded, Grampa and Uncle Merle introduced me to the News and Smoke shop, complete with a wooden Indian, it was another one of those heady experiences. It was all very exotic, newspapers and magazines from around the world, corn cob pipes to water pipes, brass spittoons, fancy cigarette lighters, clocks, cigarettes, and cigars. To this day the smell of pipe tobacco is an all-expenses paid trip back to those intoxicating days with Grampa and Uncle Merle.

When I graduated High School my life journey took me away from our Family Cabin, but it would be part of my future with my wife and children. In 1979 at almost 30 years of age I returned with my wife and three-yearold daughter. The Cabin became our home while I attended Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. A franklin stove now sat became our heat source, little else had changed. In 1980 Terry and I delivered our son on the bathroom floor, my attachment to our family cabin became that much deeper. Our children walked with me in my old footsteps and my wife shared in my love of California's Central Coast. We added more memories to be recited in family gatherings. Toilet paper trails from the bathroom across downstairs, bicycle crashes into geraniums, mailbox sitting, daily bicycle commutes to and from Cal Poly, "that's not my life", broken windowpanes, furniture de-construction, and overturned water dishes, to name a few memories. As a family we dug deeper into area history and culture, partook with pleasure in local seafood, hiked costal trails and dove deeper into Morro Bay's waters.

Over the years we experienced both pain and joys, the ocean in front of the cabin claimed my uncle and his youngest son and an old family friend that lived across the street, another neighbor lost a daughter to a bicycle accident. The joys include, the bathroom birth of our son, and he and his wife were married on Morro Strand Beach. My daughter returns every couple of years on vacation trips with her boys. As do Terry and I when we visit California. In my last year of college, the five Keller families sold the cabin, my uncles and cousins' death had begun the separation. I feel blessed to have been there at the beginning and at its goodbye when it sold. No visit to Morro Bay is complete without a drive by 460 Trinidad to see that it is doing well in providing a home to a new family, they have made it their own. Like the early Chumash Indians, the Spanish Vaqueros, and other migrant settlers. We have grown deep roots in California's Central Coast, the "Middle Kingdom" and each return visit is a homecoming.



The brown cabin with the bright yellow trim still comes to me in my dreams, and I feel the warmth of those golden knotty pine walls and know all is right with this world.

Each of us has a special place, may this article take you back.

Stephen – Backofbeyond.neal@gmail.com

*“The world is out there, the journey starts the minute you leave the door, go outside and truly live.” – S. Neal*

*“When given the choice between being right or being kind, choose kind – Dr. Wayne W. Dyer*

*“Many go fishing all their lives, without knowing that it is not fish they are after” - Henry David Thoreau*



*~ In The Past ~*

The Newsletter of the Alpine Fly Fishers  
'The Fly Line' -

September of 1979

Editor: Ed Monger



This ~ *In The Past* ~ article was published in 1978. The information it contains is 43 years out of date and is not accurate.

*This is a historical document only.*

**Program:** Jim Baker, September "Volunteer" program chairman will present Mr. Jim Cummings from the Washington State Fish and Game Department. The subject will be "Warm Water Fishery Management".

**Door Prizes:** Fishing vest  
Cortland fly box

**Elwha River Fishout:** Phil White reports a "better than last year" trip over the Labor Day weekend. Last year the trip was rained out, but this year the weather was good all day Friday and into Saturday morning. The rain then put the river out of shape by about 8:00 p.m. The four members and two guests took some good, healthy fish up to 16 inches (no lunkers like two years ago, though). The best patterns were the Humpy and the Royal Wulff with a couple fish taken on weighted nymphs.

**October Program:** The "Volunteer" program chairman for October is Gary Strodz.

**Fly of the Month:** The pattern for this month comes from Steve Bereman of Issaquah who has had good success with this weighted nymph on the upper Green (King County). Two weeks ago Steve landed two bright, summer runs steelhead weighing seven and nine pounds with this pattern.

Stone Fly Nymph

Hook: 79580 Mustad #6 to 2 4XL Bend hook in middle  
Lead: Wrap from bend of hook with medium lead, double wrap thorax area.  
Flatten body with pliers  
Tail: Stripped hackle quill colored redish brown  
Ribbing: Gold wire or brown floss  
Body: Seal fur or imitation with 1/3 black, 1/3 brown and 1/3 orange blend  
Thorax: Same as body  
Shell Back: Turkey dyed brown or substitute  
Hackle: Furnace, palmered in thorax area  
Head: Same as body

Instead of palmered hackle, thorax area can be dubbed heavy, then "picked out" on the side to imitate legs.



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# Alpine Fly Fishers

## For The Year 2023

March 28 / April 25 / May 23 / June 27

September 26 / October 24 / November 28 / December 19

**No meetings in July or August**

**All meetings will be at the Puerto Vallara.**

The guest speaker for the March 28 is our very own Brian Miller who will demonstrate fly fishing with a Tenkara rod.  
(All fish caught will be Catch & Release)



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## Washington State Council FFI joins the Amazon Smile Program



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You can donate to the state FFI council with every purchase at [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/Smile)

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Washington FFI supports a range of education and conservation efforts every year from cash contributions. We support Casting for Recovery for women cancer survivors and Project Healing Waters serving wounded veterans. For years we've backed the annual Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy that has introduced a generation of teens to our sport. Last year we helped organize and fund a successful effort to preserve public ownership of the Ebsen Fishing Access on the Grand Ronde and we helped fund new signage for fishers on the Yakima River.

It takes cash to sustain these efforts, cash we usually raise through our annual Fly Fishing Fair and other events. That hasn't been possible lately. But everyone still shops. Many FFI members shop online at Amazon. Directors of the Washington State Council have joined the Amazon Smile program to help fund our work. You can help by shopping through Amazon Smile.

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Every time you shop through Amazon Smile a portion of every purchase you make will help fund FFI education and environmental stewardship in Washington. Several FFI councils nationwide participate in the program so be sure to select Fly Fishers International Inc. Seattle WA when you sign up.

Since our founding 56 years ago, Washington FFI has worked to support the 22 FFI member clubs in Washington and Alaska and design ways to promote and conserve fly fishing for all fish in all waters. Washington FFI pursues projects and partnerships that educate the public about our sport and the habitats that sustain salt and freshwater fisheries. We have a track record of success creating innovative education programs, sound conservation efforts and a strong community of fly fishers statewide. Help Washington FFI continue that success by signing up at [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) and selecting:

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*Editors Note: I already had a link to Amazon on my computer but it did not open to Amazon Smile, so I copied the URL to the Smile site and opened up my link and pasted the new URL in it. Now I open to Amazon Smile when I click the link. It doesn't cost me any more money and the WA State Council FFI gets a donation from Amazon.*

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# Fly Fishers International

## President's Club

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Benefits Include:

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- One-on-one meetings with the President and CEO for each member of the President's Club
- Opportunity to select the special President's Club Award
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- Specially designed President's Club pin, FFI President's Club sticker, FFI hat, an FFI T-shirt
- Exclusive individualized fly fishing instruction for President's Club members or person of their choosing

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- Opportunity to select the special President's Club Award
- Invitation to President's Club destination travel opportunity
- Specially designed President's Club pin, FFI President's Club sticker, FFI hat, an FFI embroidered shirt, and an FFI Yeti mug
- Exclusive individualized fly fishing instruction for President's Club members or person of their choosing.
- Unique, customized FFI Special edition fly rod when member reaches the \$100,000 level

### Editors Note:

I am a proud member of Fly Fishers International and have been for over two decades. I really believe in what the FFI is doing and their goals. We are truly an "All Fish, All Waters" organization with strong beliefs in conservation and education. I belong to the President's Club as well as the Thousand Stewards program and the Legacy Circle. I would really like it if you, the reader, would join me in helping to support Fly Fishers International.

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- **CAMARADERIE AMONG ANGLERS** built at our annual fair and other events

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**VISIT [FLYFISHERSINTERNATIONAL.ORG/FFI1K](http://FLYFISHERSINTERNATIONAL.ORG/FFI1K)  
OR CALL 406.222.9369 TO JOIN TODAY!**

\*See enclosed card envelope for payment options.  
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## **FFI1K - BECOME A MEMBER OF 1000 STEWARDS OF FFI**

You have a unique opportunity to invest in the sport you love.

Fly Fishers International (FFI) has been an organized voice for fly fishers around the world since 1964. We represent all aspects of fly fishing – from the art of fly tying and casting, to protection of the natural systems that support healthy fisheries and their habitats so essential to our sport. Today, our mission is to ensure the legacy of fly fishing for all fish in all waters continues by focusing on CONSERVATION, EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY.

Join us in safeguarding the long-term health of fly fishing around the world by becoming one of the FFI1k, by committing to donate \$500 per year for 5 years (total of \$2500).

The funds raised by the FFI1K are vital to providing a solid foundation on which to continue to grow and expand our mission and to support:

- Spearheading projects that improve our fisheries and protect our fishing opportunities
- The FFI Learning Center's wealth of fly fishing knowledge and resources
- Camaraderie among anglers built at our annual Expo and other events

**Join the FFI1K Now**

FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL (FFI) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit with the distinctive mission to preserve the legacy of fly fishing for all fish in all waters. Formed by some of the most influential luminaries in the world of fly fishing and conservation back in 1964, and dedicated to innovative strategies to inspire a new generation of fly fishers, providing FFI members the opportunity to leave a legacy in the sport we love.

FFI continues to focus on conservation, education, and community as the underpinning of our work. Our commitment to these principles provides the rock-solid foundation as we lean into the challenge of unprecedented times, and ascend to meet the needs of the evolving demographics of fly fishing.

JOIN FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL TODAY to help ensure that fly fishing can continue to instill the kind of passion it does today in so many of us.

**WHY JOIN FFI? TOGETHER WE:**

- **PROTECT THREATENED WATERS AND HABITATS** for current and future generations.
- **BRING TOGETHER EXPERTISE** in fly casting, fly tying, fly fishing skills, and conservation education and development programs.
- **ADVOCATE FOR POLICIES** and initiatives for conservation issues.
- **STRENGTHEN THE FLY FISHING COMMUNITY** by sharing knowledge and experiences.
- **PROVIDE RESOURCES** for fly fishing educators and professionals.
- **INSPIRE A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY AND CONSERVATION ETHICS** in people of all ages.

**MEMBERS RECEIVE**

- Access to an unmatched repository of knowledge through the FFI Learning Center
- Special offers and discounts • Recognition for special skills or achievements
- Access to a network of like-minded outdoor enthusiasts
- A chance to help make a positive impact on the sport

We've got momentum— Help us keep it going as a member of FFI. As participation in fly fishing has grown, FFI is providing enhanced opportunities to learn, sustained our commitment to conservation, and offers new and exciting opportunities to expand our community. JOIN US!

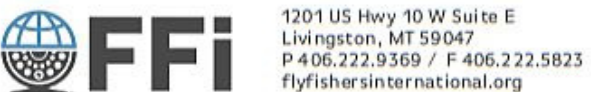


**Membership Categories** **Yes, I want to preserve the sport of fly fishing.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1-Year General . . . . . \$35 | <input type="checkbox"/> Student (22 & under)* . . \$20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3-Year General . . . . . \$90 | <input type="checkbox"/> Business* . . . . . \$100      |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran* . . . . . \$25       | <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Premium** . \$1,500   |

Note: General and Veteran memberships include spouses, cohabitating partners and children under 18 years of age. Lifetime memberships include spouses and cohabitating partners.  
\*Membership eligible for up to 3-year purchase (multiply price by number of years).  
\*\*Lifetime Premium member will receive a custom-built rod from TFO Rods.

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 \$10/yr U.S. residents     \$20/yr International residents  
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 Please do not share my information with organizations outside of FFI.

## Join the Legacy Circle



### What is the Lee and Joan Wulff Legacy Circle?

FFI established the Lee and Joan Wulff Legacy Circle in 2019 as a way to honor the tremendous imprint Lee and Joan have left on the world of fly fishing and the contributions they have made to Fly Fishers International. Planned giving through your estate can be one of the most transformative gifts to FFI.

#### Why Join?

There is perhaps no more profound way to establish your legacy withing the sport of fly fishing than by naming Fly Fishers International as a beneficiary in your estate plan.

#### How Your Bequest Will be Used

Your gift to the Lee and Joan Wulff Legacy Circle will be used to fund the Education and Conservation programs of Fly Fishers International.

#### What You Need to Include

Legal Name: Fly Fishers International, Inc.

Designation: Lee and Joan Wulff Legacy Circle

Employer Identification Number (EIN): 23-7037444

Address: Fly Fishers International, 1201 US Highway 10 West, Suite E, Livingston, MT 59047

#### Sample Language in Estate Document

Residual Gift: "All the residue of my estate, including real and personal property, I give to the Fly Fishers International, Inc., located in Livingston, Montana."

A Percentage of the Estate: "I give \_\_\_\_\_ percent of my estate to the Fly Fishers International, Inc., located in Livingston, Montana.",

A Fixed Amount of Money or a Designated Property: "I give \$\_\_\_\_\_, (or describe the real or personal property, including legal description or exact location) to the Fly Fishers International, Inc., located in Livingston, Montana.

#### Please Let FFI Know

Maybe you have already included FFI in your estate plans or you are going to do that now. Please let us know. We would like to honor your legacy and acknowledge your generosity that directly impacts the future of fly fishing.

#### Need More Information?

Please contact Patrick Berry, the President and CEO of Fly Fishers International at [pberry@flyfishersinternational.org](mailto:pberry@flyfishersinternational.org).

Fly Fishers International and Mountlake Terrace Recreation

# Fly Casting Fair



**CASTING CLASSES  
FLY TYING DEMOS AND TYING CLASSES  
SPEY CASTING CLASSES  
WALK-IN CASTING CLINIC  
CASTING SKILLS DEVELOPMENT**

**Saturday April 29, 2023 9 am to 4 pm  
Ballinger Park, Mountlake Terrace WA**



**FLY FISHERS  
INTERNATIONAL**  
Washington State Council



**MOUNTLAKE TERRACE  
RECREATION & PARKS**

# March / April 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>"The March wind roars Like a lion in the sky, And makes us shiver As he passes by. When winds are soft, And the days are warm and clear, Just like a gentle lamb, Then spring is here." - Author Unknown</p>			<b>1 March</b>	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 Fly Tyer Expo, Albany	11 Fly Tyer Expo, Albany
12 Daylight Savings	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	<b>28 Club Meeting</b>	29	30	31	"No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn." - Hal Borland

<p>"March bustles in on windy feet, And sweeps my doorstep and my street. She washes and cleans with pounding rains, Scrubbing the earth of winter stains. She shakes the grime from carpet green Till naught but fresh new blades are seen. Then, house in order, all neat as a pin, She ushers gentle springtime in." - Susan Reiner, Spring Cleaning</p>						<b>1 April</b>
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 30	24	<b>25 Club Meeting</b>	26	27	28	29 WSC Fly Casting Fair

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